TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 286 - SB 548

March 12, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Permits a person to sell fireworks in a municipality or county unless the municipality or county passes an ordinance or law that prohibits or restricts the sale of fireworks. Removes the prohibition to sell Class C fireworks within Hamilton, Knox, Davidson and Shelby counties. Removes the current exception that legalizes the sale of fireworks in Williamson County unless prohibited by ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-104-102, the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) issues permits for the manufacturing or sale of fireworks to residents and nonresidents of this state.
- Both Shelby and Davidson counties currently have ordinances in place that do not allow the sale of fireworks.
- Removing the prohibition related to Hamilton and Knox counties and cities within those counties would automatically allow for the sale of such fireworks, where no such ordinance is in place.
- Any vote that is needed by a local legislative body for the restriction or prohibition for the sale of fireworks will be conducted at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- If any cities or counties do elect to sell fireworks in the future, then issuing additional firework permits would result in an increase to state revenue to the SFMO and would increase state and local sales tax revenue from the sale of fireworks.
- The precise increase, if any, to state and local revenue cannot be determined but is considered to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-104-105, any request for a permit to sale fireworks currently must be accompanied with a statement from the chief executive officer of the county or municipality stating that the sale is permissible.
- The precise impact, if any, cannot be reasonably determined but is estimated to be not significant.
- No significant impact to jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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